

# Delaware County Sustainability Commission

October 21, 2021



# Commission Meetings

- This meeting is being recorded. Because the public can register to attend, we've stopped live-streaming, but will post to YouTube after.
- All content will be posted to the Sustainability Commission website.

## FORMAT:

- Commission members are “panelists” and can unmute themselves at any time.
- Public attendees are present but muted. Anyone from the public can attend by registering on our website to receive the Zoom link.
- Public comments can be given through the Q&A box, at any time. For tonight's meeting, we will not be hosting an open public comment period. Public input can also be sent to [SustainDelco@co.delaware.pa.us](mailto:SustainDelco@co.delaware.pa.us)



# Sustainability Commission Charge

- To create recommendations regarding best environmental and energy practices...in many areas
- To identify and assess environmental and energy policies the County has adopted and provide recommendations to promote and educate about the County's environmental and energy initiatives
- To identify and provide recommendations regarding voluntary actions, projects, and programs for municipalities, businesses, non-profits, and other partners to implement County environmental and energy policies
- To create, review and provide ongoing input into a Delaware County Sustainability Action Plan
- To recommend Triple Bottom Line-related actions, projects, and programs to Council for implementation



# Agenda

- Welcome and Roll Call
- Approval of September Meeting Minutes
- Chief Sustainability Officer Update: Francine Locke
- Parks Condition Assessment Presentation: KCBA
- Vote on Bylaw Amendments/Member Recruitment
- Sustainability Outreach Update: Sharon Jaye
- Committee Report-outs
- Follow-up from Solid Waste Public Hearing
- Public Comment
- New Business/Announcements
- Adjourn



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# Approval of September Meeting Minutes



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# Chief Sustainability Officer Update

Francine Locke



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# Communications Update



## Channels

Twitter: [@SustainDelCo](https://twitter.com/SustainDelCo)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/sustaindelco/>

Instagram: [https://instagram.com/sustain\\_delco](https://instagram.com/sustain_delco)

Email: [SustainDelco@co.delaware.pa.us](mailto:SustainDelco@co.delaware.pa.us)

Website: <https://www.delcopa.gov/sustainability/index.html>



Public Survey is live (199 responses so far)!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2H22QCL>

Closes November 15

# Program Updates:



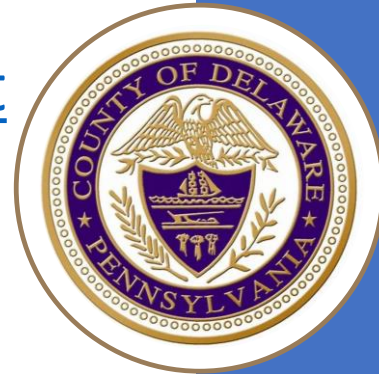
- [C-PACE Program](#) – Revisiting marketing plan with SEF
- FY22 CIP is being finalized for budget presentation
- Finalizing FCNA reports:
  - Oct. 5 buildings presentation is on the Commission website
  - Parks presentation is tonight
  - Think about how we could use this information for the sustainability plan





# Program Updates

- Southeastern Pennsylvania Regional [Power Purchase Agreement](#) RFP is closed. Counties and DVRPC are currently vetting proposals.
- Planning Department is close to draft for Delco Return on Environment Study



# PA DEP's Local Climate Action Program (LCAP)

- Just received first round of data to start calculating GHG Inventory
- Students (Saiqian and Estefania) have started initial outreach/interviews with municipalities, EACs, NGOs on the sustainability plan's baseline assessment.



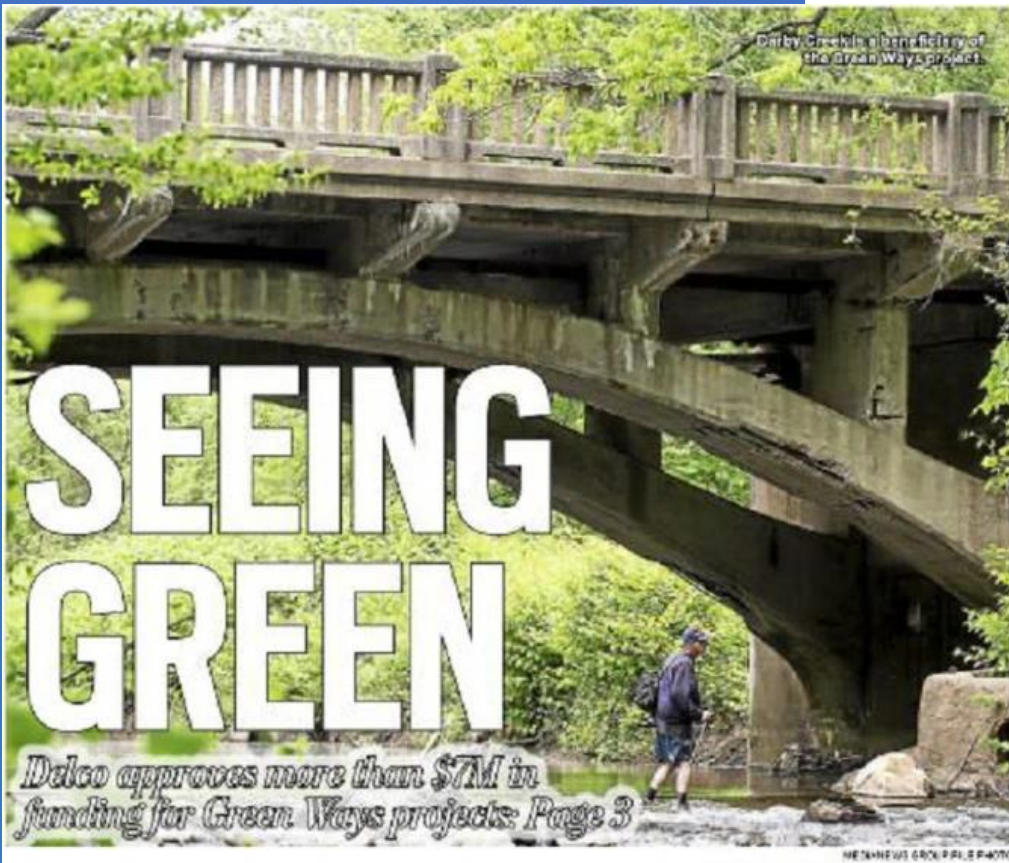
# Commission Recruitment

- The County is currently recruiting to fill 4 positions.
- Please apply by October 31, 2021 at <https://www.delcopa.gov/clerk/boards.html>
- 2 representatives with experience in the field of environmental justice or representing a historically marginalized community
- 1 representative with expertise and experience in the field of energy efficiency and/or green building practices
- 1 municipal manager or other staff member representing a municipality within the County



# Green Ways Grants

- Green Ways Grants were awarded.
- Original budget was \$5.5 million.
- Council approved \$6.7 million for FY22.



<https://www.delcotimes.com/2021/10/13/delco-approves-more-than-7m-in-funding-for-green-ways-projects/>

# Questions?

*Check for Public Comment:*  
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# Parks Condition Assessments (Draft)

## KCBA



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# COUNTY OF DELAWARE

## PARKS CONDITIONS ASSESSMENT

DELAWARE COUNTY SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

OCTOBER 21, 2021

*Slides removed for posting due to “draft” nature of information*





# ***Preliminary Recommendations***

- **Continue to budget for and acquire land for new parks.**
  - **Focus should be placed on acquiring land in underserved communities where its impact could lead to improved social outcomes.**
  - **Consider smaller land parcels for community parks, community gardens, playgrounds, pocket parks, or dog parks.**
  - **Consider locations accessible via alternative means of transportation (mass transit, bicycling, pedestrian access).**
- **Focus on accessibility upgrades.**
  - **Consider site access and parking.**
  - **Rethink playground accessibility and play.**
- **Update the Open Space, Recreation, and Greenway Plan**
  - **Continue to develop Volume II Countywide Greenway Plan**
    - **Consider linkages between Leedom Estates, Willow, and Catania Parks**
    - **Continue developing the Darby Creek Stream Valley Trail, connecting Kent, Shrigley, Pennock Woods, and Little Flower Manor Parks**
  - **Continue to develop Volume III County Park and Recreation Plan**
    - **Consider master plans for smaller parks, such as Willow, Shrigley, Catania and others.**
    - **Focus on implementing on already developed masterplans, such as Upland and Little Flower Manor.**



# Bylaw Amendments & Member Recruitment



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# Schedule

- √ Resolution recommendations and extend terms - September 17
- √ Council approved edited resolution - Oct. 6
- Bylaw Amendment - Oct. 21
- Member recruitment
  - Outreach in October (online application due by Oct. 31-could extend)
  - Sustainability Office vets interest and recommend to Executive Director (ED) in early November
  - ED approves member recommendations by Nov. 12
  - Vote in new/returning members at Nov. 19 meeting
- Annual reorg meeting - November 19



# Edited Resolution

The Delaware County Executive Director shall appoint (and has the power to remove, with or without cause) members of the DCSC as follows:

- a) Two representatives with expertise and experience in the field of energy efficiency and/or green building practices.
- b) Two representatives of the general public.
- c) Two municipal managers **or other staff members** each representing a municipality within the County.
- d) One municipal environmental advisory committee member.
- e) One representative with expertise and experience in the field of water resource management and or watershed preservation and management.
- f) Two representatives representing a historically marginalized community or with experience in the field of environmental justice.

The DCSC shall comply with the provisions of the Pennsylvania Sunshine Act, 65 Pa.C.S. §§ 701-716 (or any successor provision); provided, that it may meet by remote means and may post agendas electronically only; **provided, that (a) the annual reorganization meeting shall be held in person and (b) the DCSC shall make appropriate accommodations for participation in virtual meetings by persons without internet access.**



# Bylaw Amendments


- Sent to members by email
- Edits include:
  - All adjustments from resolution changes
  - One additional adjustment:

“Section 2: As set forth in the Resolution, the term of each of the Public Members shall be three years, except that, when the Commission is first created, one-third of the Public Members shall be appointed for three years, one-third for two years, and one-third for one year. **The members shall serve in their position until their successors are appointed.**”
  - **Question:** Section 1: The Commission shall meet a minimum of six (6) times per year unless otherwise altered by resolution and at such locations as determined by resolution with a goal of one meeting per month. Meeting dates shall alternate between 6 p.m. on the third Thursday and 2 p.m. on the third Friday of the month



# Action Items

- Bylaw amendment vote
- Member recruitment through Oct. 31: <https://www.delcopa.gov/clerk/boards.html>

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Boards   Members   Vacancies

### Sustainability Commission

Board Details   Member Roster

**Description**  
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The Delaware County Sustainability Commission is charged with providing reviews and recommendations to Delaware County Council and pertinent County departments regarding the preservation and protection of the natural and cultural environment of Delaware County, including:

- Recommendations regarding best environmental and energy practices
- Identification of and assessment of environmental and energy policies the County has adopted and recommendations to promote and educate about the County's environmental and energy initiatives.
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Apply

## COUNTY CLERK

- › Meeting Calendar
- › Meeting Agenda and Minutes
- › Boards, Commissions, & Appointment
- › Open Records Request

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# Sustainability Outreach Update

Sharon Jaye



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# Next Steps



- Working on operational assessments based on high-level goals
- Equity and Inclusion committee - discuss equity statement/goals for sust. plan
- Based on assessments and outreach, adjust high-level goals, add targets with metrics, work on refining actions





# Outreach Plan - Progress

## Internal

- Meeting with operational departments
- Scheduling focus group meetings
- Brainstorm actions for county operations and community programs with prioritizations

## Municipalities

- LCAP students starting email outreach to schedule interviews – planning to present consolidated results to commission later this semester
- After interviews, planning additional meetings if necessary and follow-up survey for data collection

## Public

- General public survey is live @ <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2H22QCL> through Nov. 15
- Email outreach to EAC/NGO/others
- Scheduling several open public meetings in different areas of county



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# Committees

- Zero waste
- Equity and inclusion



# Solid Waste Management Public Hearing Follow-up



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# Hearing Follow-up

- Recording available on Council website:  
<https://www.delcopa.gov/council/meetings.html>
  - 1:40 of SME presentations and Council Q&A
  - 2:20 of public comment
- Commission members given access to a Google drive folder with presentation slide decks and summary emailed public comment
- Solid Waste Management Plan Consultant RFP - update



# Public Comment

- “SustainDelco email content” – new document in google drive in the communications-outreach folder



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# Other Business/Announcements

- Next meeting – ~~November 19, 2:00pm~~

